

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 23 Sep 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020 at 03:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for change in the weather over the next few days to a cold showery northerly.
Medium confidence for timing of rainfall on Tuesday.

Headline for Tuesday 22 Sep 2020: A cloudy, windy day with a band of rain moving across the ranges in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	20%	60%	80%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 22 Sep 2020

Weather: A mainly dry start although areas of thicker cloud and fog may give some drizzly outbreaks at times in the morning particularly around Arrochar and the Trossachs. Some brighter periods are more likely in Glencoe and Lochaber in the morning. Cloud is likely to lower over the tops for more westerly ranges as a front approaches in the afternoon. The front will move east across Scotland in the afternoon and evening with rain to most areas. The rain might be quite heavy for a while. Becoming clearer later in the evening and feeling a lot colder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% chance in the west with cloud bases around 400-600m, further east cloud bases may be around 6-800m with some breaks in the cloud in the morning, lowering in the afternoon with very little chance of cloud free tops as the band of rain moves in.

Visibility: Visibility will generally be good in the morning out with any mist and fog but becoming moderate or poor later as drizzle and rain arrive.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/47 S	44/55 S	42/55 S	47/62 S	41/56 SW	22/32 W	18/25 W
900	27/35 S	29/37 S	30/42 S	33/47 S	31/45 SW	17/26 W	13/19 W
600	39/46 S	41/50 S	38/51 S	41/55 S	39/53 SW	16/25 SW	11/17 W
300	20/28 S	23/33 S	22/34 S	23/37 S	21/37 SW	10/18 W	6/12 W
Glen	10/22 SW	16/30 S	17/34 S	16/35 S	17/37 SW	10/22 W	6/16 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	4/-3	3/-5	4/-3	5/-2	5/-1	2/-4	0/-6
900	6/1	6/0	7/2	8/2	8/3	5/0	3/-2
600	9/4	8/3	9/4	10/5	10/5	7/3	5/1
300	11/7	10/7	12/8	12/8	12/8	9/7	7/5
Glen	12/10	13/10	14/11	14/11	13/10	11/9	9/8
Freezing Level*	2700m	2100m	2100m	2800m	2300m	1400m	1200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe Gale force gusts are possible on higher tops particularly when the front moves through. A marked change to a colder feel from late afternoon and a noticeable wind chill overnight.

Forecast for Wednesday 23 Sep 2020

Weather: A dry day with long sunny intervals, a few lighter showers are possible however these will be generally confined to more northerly ranges, these may be wintry over Ben Nevis. Feeling fresher than previous days.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15-20mph becoming southerly 5-10mph later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% chance of clear tops, perhaps some scattered cloud around the higher tops of Lochaber in any showers.

Visibility: Mainly good or very good with excellent views possible. Moderate or poor in any wintry showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around the highest summits (1200m).